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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING AN INTELLIGENT  
DEVICE THROUGH AN INSTANT MESSAGING PROTOCOL OVER A  
COMMUNICATION NETWORK

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ABSTRACT

An intelligent device (108, 114) and a control station (102, 112) including  
respective IM clients are coupled (502) to a communication network (100).  
A user adds (508) the intelligent device to an IM "buddy" list (420) in the  
10 control station, and thereafter controls (510) the intelligent device from the  
control station by sending the intelligent device an instant message  
including a command from the control station.